THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) Since there is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sugarcane Development, the question of providing assistance does not arise.

Schemes for the welfare of working women in Metropolitan cities

*360. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several measures have been taken for the welfare of working women living alone in Metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made available adequate hostel accommodation to the working women in the Metropolitan cities;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take for providing accommodation to the working women in the Metropolitan cities ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PAWAN) : (a) to (e) A Scheme of Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day-Care Centre for Children launched in the Central Sector in 1972-73 is being implemented in various parts of the country including Metropolitan Cities. The scheme aims at providing accommodation to single working women whether unmarried, widowed, separated, divorced, married when husband is out of town and to women under training for employment purposes. Such single working women, whose consolidated income does not exceed Rs. 2500/- per month are eligible for hostel accommodation for a period of three years, extendable upto five years. Since the inception of the Programme, the projects sanctioned with their capacities in Metropolitan Cities are as under :

S. No.	Name of City	Number Hostels	Sanctioned Capacity	
			Working Women	Children in Day-Care Centre
1.	Bombay	17	1,412	104
2.	Calcutta	6	368	60
3.	Delhi	14	1,593	129
4.	Madras	16	731	80

2. A provision of Rs. 6 crores has been made to start 70 additional hostels to provide accommodation to 3,500 working women in the Budget Estimates for 1990-91. However, the location of projects is not predetermined under the scheme and projects are sanctioned on receipt of proposals from the voluntary and other eligible organisations through the concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration.

Renovation of Vigyan Bhawan

@1766. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 33 given in the Rajya Sabha on the

@Previously Unstarred Question 844 transferred from the 16th May, 1990.